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IT WON'T WORK.

A Republican Ticket is No Place for the Name of an Honest Man.

Speaking of the good name and credit of the state, it would seem that in order to maintain them the dominant party, if it hoped to remain in power, would select for the various state offices men who were ordinarily respectable in the community in which they live. It is not fair to deny that there are a few honest men in the republican party. Not many (as Ingalls said of the democrats), but some. Yet it does seem that if their convention had raked the state with a fine-toothed comb they could not have caught any more characterless beings than those whose names they have used to fill several of the most important places on their state and congressional tickets. They are indeed what old-fashioned country people call "ornery," and everybody knows what that means.

The ADVOCATE has read the pedigree of several of them, and had thought to let the biography of the others remain shady, but here is some more republican evidence staring us in the face, showing how T. F. Garver, candidate for attorney general, betrayed the confidence of a client, and forced a widow to pay him \$3,000 to clear the property which she had paid for once before.

When Garver first became a candidate for attorney general, the *Salina Journal*, a republican paper of his own town, published the facts given below. Contrary to the intent of the publisher, the statement only helped to nominate him, as that seemed to be the kind of timber the convention was looking for. Garver and Mr. Eberhardt both live in Saline county. The *Union* reprints the *Journal's* statement as follows:

"For years Mr. Garver was the trusted attorney of Mr. Eberhardt and his business associates. For several years they paid him a yearly salary to look after their legal matters, and afterward paid him for such services as he rendered the firm. When Mr. Eberhardt built his new house, he moved the old buildings to a lot just south of the corner on Eighth street, which he supposed he had owned for years. There he prepared a neat and comfortable home for his aged parents, and they lived there for several years. Mr. Garver in the meantime had discovered a defect in the title of this and various other pieces of property in the city and had purchased the outstanding titles. Of course Mr. Garver went immediately to Mr. Eberhardt and told him about the defect in this title, and helped him to straighten it out, as he was his legal adviser. Of course he did not. Instead, he took a witness along, and tendered Mr. Eberhardt the price of the improvements he had made on the lots.

At first Mr. Eberhardt thought he was joking, but when he realized that the man he had trusted for years was thus deliberately robbing him, he felt deeply hurt. In his own words, he said, "To be thus deceived hurt me worse than the money it cost me." Mr. Eberhardt, not wishing to give up the property, compromised the matter by paying Mr. Garver \$700, part of which he afterwards recovered from the parties who had deceived him the property. Do you believe this, or do you want Mr. Eberhardt's affidavit? Now please do not say any more about the purity of your candidate. It don't sound well to people who have lived here for some time, and makes you appear in a ridiculous light.

"At the same time and in the same manner Mr. Garver gave Mrs. Belleville a like benefit, only this happened to be a Santa Fe lot, more valuable, hence he struck for more money in this case. Mrs. Belleville gave him her check for \$1,000, and her note for another \$1,000, with an agreement that whatever was received from the parties who had previously owned the property should cancel the note. Mrs. Belleville is a widow lady who has lived here for years, and we doubt if another man in town would have had the nerve to face such a transaction if he expected still to remain in the community."

Who is Extravagant?

It appears by several letters the ADVOCATE has received from the western counties that the immaculate William Higgins, secretary of state, is taking some pains to circulate a report that the last legislature was very extravagant in its appropriations for state printing. One R. M. Painter, candidate for representative in Meade county, and an understudy of the incorrigible Heber, has exhibited a letter from William which, if reported correctly, states that the last legislature appropriated \$37,000 more for state printing than the one preceding it. Of course some allowance must be made for the jots and tittles that may have been added to or deducted from Mr. Higgins' letters after they left his hands, but the preponderance of evidence is that the letters were written for the purpose of misrepresenting something. Mr. Higgins would not go to the trouble to write a letter for any other purpose. But where on earth or in office he accumulated the gall to make an assertion similar to the above is a question. Let us make a comparison:

The appropriations made for printing by the last republican legislature were:

1891-92	\$158,333.97
1892-93	70,490.36

For proof of the above, see auditor's report 1889-90. In addition to that amount the legislature of 1891 was called upon to supply a deficiency of \$10,000 (see ses-

sion laws of 1891, chapter 36), making a total of \$269,324.33 paid during Mr. Baker's term as state printer.

For 1891-92	\$68,000
For 1892-93	91,000

These amounts were appropriated by the People's party legislature (see session laws of 1891) for state printing, and for the first fiscal year there was returned to the treasury \$5,000, leaving a total (unless more of the money shall be returned hereafter) of \$148,000, a difference of \$91,324.33 in favor of the People's party legislature and state printer.

Now, as suggested above, it is not fair to accept everything you hear as emanating from the source to which it is attributed, but in order to allay all fears as to the People's party being responsible for any extravagance in this line, we can assure the reader that the appropriation act of 1891 (see pages 79 and 81, session laws of 1891) places all such responsibility on the secretary of state and the heads of departments by the following provisions in the act:

Provided, That no printing shall be done except such as in the judgment of the secretary of state, attorney general and state treasurer, are necessary for the general information.

Provided further, A majority of said persons may decide as to what shall be printed.

The above provisions refer to printing specified in the act. Then follows:

The binding and printing provided for under this section, not otherwise specifically provided for, shall be construed to mean plain pamphlet work of such quality and style as shall conform to the demands of sound economy, and shall be done according to specifications furnished by the secretary of state, by and with the advice and consent of the attorney general:

Provided, That the secretary of state shall not consider any requisition for printing unless the same is signed by the department, board or commission from which such requisition shall issue, or the first assistant of the various state departments.

So that it is exceedingly hard to imagine how Mr. Higgins could have done a more foolish thing than try to throw any blame on the present state printer or legislature on that score, even if the printing appropriations had been extravagant, which they were not.

Great Rally at Winfield.

To the Editor of THE ADVOCATE.

The People's party held a meeting today in the tabernacle in Island park. It was the intention to have the speaking begin at 11 a. m., but owing to the delegations from some points being a little late in arriving, it was deferred till 1 p. m. Despite the clouds of dust and threatening appearance of the weather, the procession of vehicles was about one and a half miles in length. Another thing which tended to detract from the crowd was a grand republican rally in the shape of a soldier's reunion only

fourteen miles away, at Arkansas City, and this their big day. The assembly today was the largest political gathering ever known in this city. It was estimated at 5,000 to 8,000 people at the park.

At a few minutes after 1 o'clock the band played a couple of patriotic airs, after which Hon. Jerry Simpson was introduced amid vociferous cheers and a grand "Hurrah for Jerry." For over two hours he expounded the new gospel of salvation to the eager crowd in a style peculiar to himself—easy, clear, pointed and logical, showing that he clearly understands the history of the political parties of the country and their acts and legislation, their representation of the plutocrats and their misrepresentation of the people, and that is the cause of the great commotion here to-day. Mr. Simpson called for a republican, but there seemed to be none in the crowd. He wanted an explanation why the republican party was in favor of free silver last year and deadly opposed to it this year, as shown by their platform, but no answer could he get. Mr. Simpson was frequently and earnestly applauded, and at the close loudly cheered; after which the Quenemo glee club rendered some excellent music, all in line with the occasion.

Mrs. S. E. V. Emery, author of the "Seven Financial Conspiracies," also Hon. S. S. King, author of "Bondholders and Breadwinners," made a few remarks reserving their speeches, which they delivered to a large and interesting audience in Manning's opera house at night. It has been a great day long to be remembered, and we hope much good was done.

A. D. MARBLE.

Winfield, October 12.

Annual Meeting Kansas F. A. & I. U.

The fifth annual meeting of the Kansas F. A. & I. U. will convene at 10 o'clock a. m. in the Whitley opera house, Emporia, Kas., on November 10.

The A., T. & S. F., B. & M. in Nebraska, C., R. I. & P., K. C., St. J. & C. B., Missouri Pacific, St. J. & G. I., St. L. & S. F. and Union Pacific railroads, grant a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip on the certificate plan. Each person attending the meeting will pay full fare going and take a receipt from the ticket agent at the station where he procures his ticket. This certificate, when signed by the secretary of the state alliance and stamped by J. E. Martin, agent A., T. & S. F. railway at Emporia, and joint agent for the association railroads, will entitle the holder to return home at one-third the regular fare.

J. B. FRENCH, Secretary.

Tariff McKinley is to speak at Leavenworth October 24. That is getting uncomfortably close to Ingalls' town.